

CHECKLIST FOR REQUESTING ZIKA VIRUS (ZIKV) TESTING

- ☐ **1. Did you consult with the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory and Epidemiology/Communicable Disease Program to determine whether Zika virus testing is indicated for your patient?**

Prior approval for Zika virus testing is required from the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory in consultation with the LBDHHS Epidemiology/ Communicable Disease Control Program.

Long Beach Public Health Laboratory: (562) 570-4080

Epidemiology/Communicable Disease Control Program: (562) 570-4302

- ☐ **2. Did you determine what type of specimen you will be collecting and how to properly collect and store the specimen?**

Please follow the guidelines for acceptable specimen types, minimum volumes, and storage/transportation conditions in the [Zika Virus \(ZIKV\) Diagnostic Specimen Testing Guidelines](#) on [pp. 11-14](#).

- ☐ **3. Did you decide how you will get the specimen to the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory?**

- ☐ Providers can draw blood for Zika virus testing at their own clinic/office, and then drop-off or send in specimens with the required forms to the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory. Please call the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory at (562) 570-4080 to report an estimated time of arrival for the specimen.
- ☐ Providers can draw blood at their own clinic/office, and then call (562) 570-4302 to arrange for free specimen pick-up. Courier service is only available on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 pm to 3 pm. Providers can batch specimens from multiple patients.
- ☐ Providers can send their patients to the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory for free blood draw by calling (562) 570-4080 to schedule a blood draw appointment. All required forms must be submitted at the time of the blood draw.

- ☐ **4. Did you complete the 2 mandatory forms for Zika virus testing?**

- ☐ [Zika Virus \(ZIKV\) Test Screening Questionnaire for Providers](#) (pp. 9-10)
- ☐ [Long Beach Public Health Laboratory Request Form](#) (p. 54)